MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(13)

TO:

Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

November 6, 2007

FROM:

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.

County Attorney

SUBJECT:

Resolution urging U.S.

Congress to pass the

National Affordable Housing

Trust Fund Act of 2007

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

County Attorney

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Plea	ise note any items checked.
	"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
	6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
	4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
	Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
	Budget required
	Statement of fiscal impact required
	Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
	Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
	Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
	No committee review

Approved	Mayor	Agenda Item No.	11(A)(13)
Veto		11-6-07	
Override			
	RESOLUTION NO.		

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO PASS H.R. 2895, THE NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND ACT OF 2007, OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION

WHEREAS, nationwide there are nine (9) million extremely low income (ELI) renter households in the U.S. and just 6.2 million rental units affordable to them; and

WHEREAS, the gap between demand and the supply of ELI housing is growing; and

WHEREAS, the lowest income households have the greatest incidence of housing problems and the greatest need for affordable housing, as indicated by available data; and

WHEREAS, no current federal program produces housing affordable to these poorest families; and

WHEREAS, in Miami-Dade County, over 20 percent of families qualify as extremely low income; and

WHEREAS, our County is experiencing a severe shortage of such housing for our residents; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2895, the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007, currently is pending before Congress and would establish a permanent, dedicated affordable housing development revenue source, with 75 percent of the funds going to ELI units; and

WHEREAS, creating a National Affordable Housing Trust Fund would allow the construction, rehabilitation and preservation of as many as 1.5 million units of housing over the next 10 years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Congress to pass H.R. 2895, the National Affordable Housing Trust Fund Act of 2007, or similar legislation.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this resolution to the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbying team to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Section 1 above; and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2008 Federal Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Katy Sorenson and offered by

Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by

Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman

Jose "Pepe" Diaz Carlos A. Gimenez Joe A. Martinez Dorrin D. Rolle Katy Sorenson Sen. Javier D. Souto Audrey M. Edmonson Sally A. Heyman Dennis C. Moss Natacha Seijas Rebeca Sosa

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The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of November, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By:	
Deputy Clerk	

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

MML

Jess M. McCarty

